

"The objects of the Authority shall be to promote and secure the development of Delhi according to plan and for that purpose the Authority shall have the power to acquire, hold, manage and dispose of land and other property, to carry out building, engineering, mining and other operations, to execute works in connection with supply of water and electricity, disposal of sewage and other services and amenities and generally to do anything necessary or expedient for purposes of such development and for purposes incidental thereto;"

(b) Delhi's Master Plan 1962 was formulated by DDA and the same has been revised and new master plan with perspective upto 2001 has also been formulated. All development in Delhi is done as per the Master Plan as envisaged in the aims and objectives. DDA apart from developing land for various purposes such as commercial, recreational, horticultural, institutional and industrial etc., has also been taking up housing activity. It has constructed as well facilitated construction, by way of providing land to co-operative societies, auctioning plots etc., of more than 1 million dwelling units which provides shelter to almost half of the population of Delhi.

(c) and (d) DDA has reported that costing of flats constructed by it is done on "no profit no loss" basis and expenditure incurred on construction of housing projects is recovered from the allottees, as DDA does not get any grant or subsidy from the Government.

(e) In the context of the National Housing Policy and the approach to involve the private sector to a greater extent in the construction of houses, a view has since been taken that no separate Housing Board is necessary.

Vacancy of Chairman

6175. SHRI MUNNI LAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether after the resignation of Chairman of Rajghat Gandhi Smadhi Samiti, this post has been lying vacant for the last two years;

(b) the reasons for delay in the appointment of the Chairman; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government for the redressal of complaints about the malpractices committed at Smadhi Sthal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b) It is not correct that post of Chairman, Rajghat Samadhi Committee is lying vacant for the last 2 years. Sh. Sadiq Ali, Chairman, Rajghat Samadhi Committee had tendered his resignation from the post on 9.7.96. The question of appointment of a successor is under active consideration of the Government and a decision would be taken shortly.

(c) No such complaints have been brought to the

[English]

Consulate General Office

6176. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA :

SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to open its Honorary Consulate General's office in India;

(b) if so, the details therefor; and

(c) the present status of that proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) to (c) There is a proposal from the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to open an Honorary Consulate General in India. However, there are still certain diplomatic issues which need to be resolved before Government of India can think in terms of permitting the Government of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to open an Honorary Consulate General in India.

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6177. SHRI ANANT GUDHE : Will the MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the problems facing by small scale industrial units have been discussed and performance of this sector reviewed in the recent meeting of State Ministers/Secretaries held at New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the deliberation and decisions taken to boost-up the performance of small scale sector in the country;

(c) the package of incentives formulated and fresh directions to banks and financial institutions issued for attending to needs of languishing units; and

(d) the details of action plan worked out for 1997-98 for healthy growth of small sector in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Allotment of D.D.A. Property

6178. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Hindi Daily "Navbharat Times" captioned "DDA Nirmat-walon par bhoomafia ka kabza" dated January 14, 1997;

(b) if so, the action being taken against the con-

cerned officers who have allotted DDA property worth crores of rupees in the names of near and dears at throw away prices in connivance of bhoo-mafias;

(c) whether the Government propose to take strict legal action against the officers/employees of DDA who are misusing their good offices and transfer those employees alongwith evaluating their movable/immovable property;

(d) if so, the details therefor; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) DDA has reported that despite wide publicity and protracted correspondence with Banks, Postal Authorities and Chief Medical Officer (CGHS) (Head Quarter) Bank

Units No. 1&2, space for Post Office and Dispensary in the shopping complex at Naraina Vihar could not be disposed of. Since DDA could not keep these units undisposed for an indefinite period, these units were, therefore, disposed of through auction after getting their use changed from Banks & Post Office to General shops with the approval of the Competent Authority (Statement Attached). However, shops No. 33 & 34 in the said shopping complex were purchased in the open auction held on 28.5.85 by one auction purchaser. The auction purchaser is using both these shops for lottery counters while these were sold as general shops. Show cause notices have been issued to auction purchaser to explain as to why the allotment of these units should not be cancelled in case the breach is not removed. The matter is being processed for auction as per the terms and conditions of allotment. Since necessary action for breach of the terms and conditions of auction is being taken, question of penalising DDA Officers/employees does not arise.

Statement

DELHI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Details of Units auctioned in LSC at Naraina.

Unit No.	Reserve Price	Bid Amount	Date of Auction
Bank Unit-I	Rs. 20.92,100/-	Rs. 21,36,000/-	23.11.93
Bank Unit-II	Rs. 27,81,100/-	Rs. 28,26,000/-	23.11.93
Post Office	Rs. 5.62,000/-	Rs. 6,00,000/-	22.2.94
Dispensary	Rs. 4,18,900/-	Rs. 5,02,000/-	17.12.92

[English]

Prices of Gold and Silver

6179. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA : Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state :

(a) The action proposed to be taken by the Government to stabilise the prices of Gold and Silver in the country vis-a-vis at the international market and to curb Gold smuggling ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : The Govt. took action to stabilise prices of Gold and Silver in the country vis-a-vis those in the International market with the introduction of the liberalised scheme for the import of Gold in March, 1992. Under this scheme 5 Kgs. of Gold was permitted to be imported into India by a passenger of Indian origin returning to India after 6 months on payment of customs duty. Subsequently Gold imports on payment of customs duty were also permitted under Special Import Licenses in April, 1994.

The quantity of Gold permitted for import by a passenger of Indian origin under the aforesaid scheme has been increased to 10 Kgs. each with effect from 1.1.97.

Similarly Silver upto 100 Kgs. was permitted for import

on payment of customs duty by a passenger of Indian origin returning to India after 6 months with effect from February, 1993 and also under Special Import Licenses with effect from April, 1994.

Apart from above, a continued high alert is maintained by anti-smuggling agencies to detect and prevent smuggling of Gold into the country by surveillance over sensitive areas, targeting of intelligence and use of sophisticated equipment like metal detectors, colour baggage X-ray machines, etc. at ports and airports.

Power Station at Hogenkal and Mekedatu

6180. SHRI A. SIDDARAJU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide Central assistance to the Power Generating Stations at Hogenkal and Mekedatu; and

(b) if so, the funds sought and released for these projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) : Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.